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INFORMATIONAL: FEDERAL COURT ARRAIGNMENTS

Bill Mercer, United States Attorney for the District of Montana, announced today that during a federal court session in Billings, on March 25, 2004, the following individual made an initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Richard W. Anderson:

THOMAS LAMBERT appeared on charges of conspiracy, transportation of obscene materials and money laundering. LAMBERT is a 64-year-old resident of Lavina. LAMBERT is currently released on his own recognizance with conditions. If convicted of the charge of conspiracy, LAMBERT faces possible penalties of 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and 3 years supervised release.

5 years supervised release. LAMBERT is also subject to a forfeiture charge for proceeds obtained as a result of the offenses.

The indictment charges:

- That on October 27, 1998 and continuing to December 10, 2002, in Lavina and elsewhere, LAMBERT and a co-defendant conspired to transport obscene video tapes in interstate commerce.
- LAMBERT and the co-defendant operated certain business entities under a variety of names including Pet Tec, the PT Company, Digital Technology, New Technology, Brightstar, LeMons, Mount Venus and Princeton.
- Between October 27, 1998 and December 10, 2002, LAMBERT and the co-defendant distributed and mailed catalogs advertising obscene video tapes to potential customers. LAMBERT and the co-defendant then took orders for the tapes and sold the tapes to customers. LAMBERT and the co-defendant then distributed the obscene video tapes to customers throughout the United States by using express carriers and common carriers.
- Between October 27, 1998 and December 10, 2002: LAMBERT sent video tape copies of "Master Keith," "Anything Goes," "Dick

entitled “John Holmes Rex - Lust for Pussy.” LAMBERT sent the letter to the customer.

- Between December 28, 2001 and February 19, 2002: An order for copies of video tape copies entitled “From Hungary with Love” and “The Best of the Best” was shipped via Federal Express to College Station, Texas. Payment had been accepted in the form of a postal service money order and sent by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

LAMBERT sent a video tape copies of “From Hungary with Love” and “The Best of the Best” via an express company or other common carrier.

- Between March 20, 2002 and April 29, 2002: An order for video tape copies entitled “Rape and Sodomize” and “Physically Raped” was shipped via Federal Express to Clackamas, Oregon. Payment was accepted in the form of a cashier’s check sent by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The video tape copies of “Rape and Sodomize” and “Physically Raped” were sent via an express company or other common carrier.

- April 15, 2002: LAMBERT sent a video tape copy of “John Holmes

- Between April 24, 2002 and May 13, 2002, LAMBERT sent a video tape copy of “Mary’s Video” via Federal Express to an address in Clackamas, Oregon. Payment was accepted in the form of a cashier’s check sent by the United States Postal Inspection Service.
- On April 24, 2002, LAMBERT sent a video tape copy of “Mary’s Video” via an express company or other common carrier.

U.S. Attorney Bill Mercer is the prosecutor for the United States.

LAMBERT pled not guilty to the charges.

The charge, an indictment, information or complaint, is merely an accusation and all persons named as defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty. A pre-trial conference and a trial date will be set and the United States will be required to prove the allegations set forth in the indictment beyond a reasonable doubt.

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